

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Mission of the African American Leadership Forum (AALF) is focused on improving the

health, education, and economic condition of Minnesota communities through public and private

partnerships, and creating opportunities for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS: AALF has grown to be a movement of more than 1,600 African American leaders in business,

government, philanthropy, community, and faith, working together to convene, collaborate, and advocate for systemic change that advances the health, education, and economic needs of our

community; and

WHEREAS: AALF has worked to improve the quality of life for African Americans in the State of Minnesota,

and reduce disparities deeply engrained in public and private systems and processes; and

WHEREAS: AALF assisted in establishing the Dr. Josie R. Johnson Leadership Academy, which constructed the

AALF 5 Point Plan to End Economic Disparity, advocated for the \$67M campus expansion of North Point Health & Wellness, wrote the United Urban Agenda and Black Legislative Agenda, and established the African American Financial Capabilities Community of Practice; and

WHEREAS: AALF has published seminal research concerning African Americans in the areas of Minnesotan

health, education, and economic development, and

WHEREAS: The goal of the African American Leadership Forum is to build a just and healthy society that

works equally well for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, July 26, 2018, as:

AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM (AALF) DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this $26^{\rm th}$ day of July.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE